ITRMC Vision: Assure standardized, effective, and efficient statewide access to information and services.

Planning Underway for 2001 Digital Government Boot Camp for Idaho Policy Makers*

The second annual Digital Government Boot Camp for Idaho policy makers will be held on October 25, 2001 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. This all day event will serve as the regular October meeting of the ITRMC.

The ITRMC is pleased to announce that **Dr. Jerry Mechling**, Strategic Computing and Telecommunications in Public Sector, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, will be participating as keynote speaker. Also on the agenda are **David Temoshok**, Federal Electronic Government Policy Manager, OMB, Washington, DC; **Edward Fraga**, Vice President, Public Sector Consulting, Gartner Consulting Services; and **Gina Smith**, co-founder of New Internet Computer Company and a former national television news technology commentator and noted speaker on Internet issues. Gina will be sponsored by Oracle Corporation and Hewlett Packard.

'Boot Camp' invited attendees include Idaho legislators, state agency directors, elected officials, college and university presidents, mayors and county commissioners, Tribal representatives and other government leaders and policy makers. Said of last year's 'Boot Camp', "With more than a third of legislators in attendance, the boot camp proved to be an **excellent vehicle for engaging policy makers**", Harvard Policy Group on Network-Enabled Services and Government, JFK School of Government's *Imperative 2: Use IT for Strategic Innovation, Not Simply Tactical Automation*.

Idaho **'Best Practices'** booths will again be a highlight of the event, where Idaho state and local government agencies demonstrate and provide interactive, on-line information, applications and related activities. This year, the ITRMC will also be introducing a new program, the **ITRMC IT Achievement Awards,** recognizing Idaho IT 'Best Practices' *(see article below)*.

Rich Elwood, State IT Coordinator, said, "the ['Boot Camp'] curriculum advances the concept of digital government, doing it in such a way that the intended audience (policy makers) will have a better understanding of its potential and the desire to move forward with it".

Register on-line: www2.state.id.us/itrmc/projects/register.htm

Introducing the ITRMC IT Achievement Awards

In an effort to recognize achievements in various areas of information technology and highlight **Idaho IT 'Best Practices'**, the ITRMC has established the **ITRMC Information Technology Achievement Awards***. Emphasis will be placed upon those information technology initiatives that most effectively assist government and education officials and agencies in innovatively executing their duties and providing cost-effective services to our citizens. The eight categories for which nominations will be accepted are as follows: Accessibility, Communications Infrastructure, Digital Government, Information Architecture, Innovative Use of Technology, IT Professional Retention and Recruitment, Public/Private Partnership, and Service Applications.

These awards are to be presented annually at ITRMCs Digital Government Boot Camp for Policy Makers.

For more information or to receive a nomination form, please contact Emily Gales at (208) 332-1876 or egales@adm.state.id.us. ***Deadline for submission is August 20, 2001***

Council Update:
Recent Meetings*

June 20, 2001

- Rich Elwood, Statewide IT Coordinator, introduced **Don Fournier**, IT Policy Analyst, to the Council.
- Chuck Mollerup, Idaho Career Information System, presented a summary of **CIS,** and briefly demonstrated CIS for Windows. CIS is an information system used in elementary, junior and high schools and in Idaho Job Service offices, which provides information that helps link education and occupations to the world of work.
- Tyson Taylor, Boise State University, gave an overview of BSUs **GeoSpatial Research Facility** teaching programs, state- and federal-level research projects, and future goals and objectives.
- Karen LaMotte, Idaho State Library, demonstrated a tutorial created by the State Library to facilitate the creation of redistricting plans by citizens. The tutorial is provided in 10 libraries across the state for the **Idaho Redistricting Project**.
- Major General Jack Kane, Division of the Military, provided an update on **Public Safety, Emergency Communications Committee** and subcommittee activities.
- J.D. Williams, State Controller, spoke of **SATAD Work Group** and subcommittee activities, objectives and recommendations to ITRMC. The Council recommended SATAD proceed with the outsource model for **digital signatures**.
- John Peay, Judicial Branch, Idaho Supreme Court, provided an update on **Metatag Work Group** meetings and progress.
- Nathan Bentley, ITRMC Staff, reported on **IGC** (Idaho Geospatial Committee) activities. The Council approved recommendations made for membership of the IGC.
- Rich Elwood spoke about plans being made for the **2001 Digital Government Boot Camp for Idaho Policy Makers**. On behalf of the ITRMC Staff, Elwood proposed the Council adopt a draft of the **ITRMC Information Technology Achievement Awards** program; and the Awards program was approved.
- **Brief updates** were given on the following: IDANET initiative**,** statewide Purchasing contracts, recent Access Idaho activities, the ITRMC Staff's consideration of the establishment of a standard privacy statement to be used on Idaho's state Web pages, and progress made on the ITRMC Staff's preliminary revision process for the State IT Plan *(see article, back page).*

April 25, 2001

- Rich Elwood, Statewide IT Coordinator, introduced **Emily Gales**, ITRMC Assistant—officially joined the ITRMC Staff in January 2001—and **Nathan Bentley**, State GIS Coordinator—joined the Staff in April 2001—to the Council. Elwood advised Don Fournier had accepted an offer extended for the ITRMC IT Policy Analyst position, and would start work on May 14, 2001.
- Jan Cox, Division of Purchasing, spoke to the Council regarding the implementation of **electronic purchasing**.
- Steve Allison, State Controller's Office, provided a synopsis of some **major statewide accounting systems**, including STARS (Statewide Accounting and Reporting System), Travel Express, Pcard (purchasing card) Accounting, and eProcurement Integration.
- Steve Kenyon, also with the State Controller's Office, gave a presentation on **IPOPS** (Idaho Paperless On-line Personnel/Payroll System).
- Hal Anderson, Department of Water Resources (IDWR), briefed the Council on the history of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in Idaho; and Tony Morse, IDWR, demonstrated three **ArcIMS applications developed at IDWR.**
- Bill Farnsworth, ITRMC Staff, gave a brief update on the **METAmorphosis 2001 Conference**, attended by Farnsworth and Council member Mary Jones.
- Scott Somerhalder, Idaho Information Consortium, updated the Council on **Access Idaho's accomplishments**. Somerhalder and Bill Farnsworth then demonstrated a few completed **Access Idaho applications**.
- Rich Elwood reviewed the **ITRMC Staff's budget** allocations for fiscal year 2002.
- Elwood then gave a description of the function of all standing **committees and task force work groups** directly sponsored by the ITRMC. Motions were passed to create the following: Secure Access to Applications and Data Work Group, Metatag Work Group. (For an updated list of ITRMC committees and work groups, please go to http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/council/committees.htm.)
- **Brief updates** were given on the following: SQL Internet Database Server, IDANET, and the 2001 Idaho Digital Government Boot Camp (October 25, 2001).

*****Full copies of approved ITRMC minutes available on-line: http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/council/mtgmins.htm**

Two New ITRMC Work Groups Formed

At its April 25, 2001 meeting, the ITRMC approved the formation of two work groups: the Metatag Work Group and the Secure Access to Applications and Data (SATAD) Work Group. Both will be chaired/co-chaired by ITRMC members.

The **Metatag Work Group**, Co-chaired by John Peay, ITRMC member, and Carol Silvers, Idaho State Library, is charged with the determination of key metatags (data about data) that should be included on all upper-level state Web pages. Using metatags is a way of identifying key information in a standardized format to locate, and make readily accessible to the public, electronically stored information. Examples of metatags are Web page titles, document key words, and the creator of the document, such as the department name.

The Metatag Work Group has decided that the project will be broken down into two stages: the development of a minimum set of core metatags, and the consideration of a more extensive set of tags for the long-term storage and archiving of this information. Expected completion/resolution of the first stage is December 1, 2001. Work Group meetings are scheduled through December 2001, and will be held as needed.

The **SATAD Work Group**, chaired by J.D. Williams, State Controller, will determine a way to authenticate and identify persons attempting to access the state network. Already formed is the SATAD Policy Subcommittee. Members of this subcommittee will focus on the development of a digital signature policy; and at its June 20th meeting, the ITRMC recommended SATAD proceed with the outsource model for digital signatures.

The SATAD Work Group held six half-day meetings from April 26th to June 18th. Thus far, Work Group objectives have been set; a statewide survey has been conducted to determine state agency FY2002 needs; and several speakers have presented to the group on the different digital signature models available for consideration, and on the issue in general.

The Work Group plans to have the matter resolved within 100 days; and Chairman J.D. Williams believes it can be done with a coalition of stakeholders involved.

Year 2001 ITRMC Meeting Dates

*** Next Meeting ***
Wednesday, August 29th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
East Conference Room, J.R.Williams Building,
700 West State, Boise, ID

Thursday, October 25—Digital Gov 'Boot Camp',
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise, Idaho;

Wednesday, December 12—8:30 to 11:30 a.m.,
East Conference Room, J.R. Williams Building

Note: All meetings are subject to change.
Please check our Web site for an update—http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc

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State IT Plan Revision Underway

The ITRMC Staff has begun the revision of the State Information Technology Plan. Changes will be made to plan format, as well as significant modifications to the plan itself. The Staff envisions the Plan to be a fairly simple (4-5 pages), high-level, visionary document, outlining in strategic terms the direction the state needs to move, and technologies it needs to embrace.

IT Policy Analyst Position Filled

Don Fournier began work as ITRMC IT Policy Analyst on May 14, 2001. Fournier received his master's degree in Business Administration from the College of Santa Fe (New Mexico) in 1992. Starting in 1995, Don worked for PSINet Corporation, Troy, NY, holding the positions of Network Technical Specialist, Network Operations Manager, and most recently, Director of Network Operations. Prior to joining PSINet, Don worked for GTE Corporation as a Senior Field Engineer and for the U.S. Army as a computer maintenance Technician and Instructor. Don has over twenty years of experience in telecommunications, Internet, electronics and computer technologies.

For the ITRMC Staff, Don takes the lead role in WAN/LAN activities, coordinating with state agencies and departments on issues that concern connectivity involving the state network; and on database activities to encourage cooperation, standardization and data-sharing guidelines among state agencies and departments.

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